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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

YOSHIAKI NANKO, et al

Application No.: 09/474,916

Filed: December 29, 1999

For: DRIVE MECHANISM FOR A  
BICYCLE TRANSMISSION ASSIST  
MECHANISM

) Examiner: M. Charles

) Art Unit: 3682

) AMENDMENT

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This is a response to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2003. A request for an extension of time to respond and a request for continued examination accompany this response. Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.